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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT:AUCKLAND THERMAL POWER PLANT

REF:WELLINGTON 1660 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN RECENT MONTHS, AUCKLAND THERMAL NO. 1 HAS COME UNDER CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM FROM LOCAL PLANNING GROUPS AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS. THE BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROJECT, PREPARED BY THE GNZ'S COMMISSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND RELEASED AT THE END OF JUNE, RECOMMENDED THAT PLANNING FOR THERMAL NO. 1 BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE FEASIBILITY OF SUBSTITUTING SEVERAL SMALL COMBINED CYCLE PLANTS FOR THE ONE LARGE GAS-FIRED PLANT ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED COULD BE STUDIED. THE REPORT CRITICIZED THE SINGLE-PLANT CONCEPT ON GROUNDS OF TECHNOLOGICAL INEFFICIENCY, AND CITED SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: DISPOSAL OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF WASTE HEAT, DISPOSAL OF CHEMICAL WASTES, AIR POLLUTION, LOSS OF FARM LANDS, AND DISRUPTION OF THE HOST COMMUNITY.

2. FURTHER FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE PROJECT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN POSTPONED FOR TIME BEING WHILE THE ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT STUDIES THE COMBINED CYCLE ALTERNATIVE,
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AND OTHER PROPOSALS. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. SELDEN

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